



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:
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For: MEDIUM CONTAINING FLT3 LIGAND FOR
CULTURING HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(d)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 29, 2000 (Paper No. 10), and pursuant to Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, Applicants offer the following remarks and proposed amendments. Reconsideration of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested. Enclosed please find a request for a request for a Continued Prosecution Application, including the appropriate fee, and an article by Anderson, W.F. published in Science 288:627-629 (2000) [attached as "Exhibit A" to Amendment].

Amendments

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

- Sub E → 1. (amended) A hematopoietic cell expansion media-comprising cell growth media[,] and flt3-L [alone or in combination with a cellular growth factor], wherein the flt3-L [and the growth factor are] is in an amount sufficient to cause hematopoietic cell expansion.
- C! 2. (amended) A method for expanding hematopoietic cells comprising contacting the cells with flt3-L [alone or in combination with a cellular growth factor], wherein the flt3-L [and the growth factor are] is in an amount sufficient to cause hematopoietic cell expansion.